



COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

AGENDA

October 23-24, 2014

Meeting Location: Sheraton Burlington, 807 Williston Rd., Burlington, VT 05403

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This meeting will explore child abuse and neglect deaths in Indian Country and the state of the art of safety assessment in public child welfare and related human service arenas. It also will explore Vermont's public health strategies for preventing deaths from child abuse and neglect. To do so, Commissioners will hear from prominent researchers and state stakeholders on four topics:

- Child abuse and neglect fatalities in Indian Country
- When child welfare staff miss warning signs
- The state of the art of safety assessment
- A public health approach to preventing child abuse and neglect fatalities

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014

8:00 - 8:10	Opening Remarks
8:10 - 8:30	Parent Presentation <i>Presenter: Tammy Simoneau, Parent</i>
8:30 - 8:55	Vermont's Strategies for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities <i>Presenter: Cindy Walcott, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF)</i>
8:55 - 9:45	Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indian Country <i>Presenter: Terry Cross, Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association</i>
9:45 - 10:30	Understanding the Child Welfare System and Its Intersection with Fatal Maltreatment: Experiences, Lack of Preparation, and How Workers Miss Warning Signs <i>Presenter: Emily Douglas, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Bridgewater State University</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Break

10:45 - 12:15	<p>The State of the Art of Safety Assessment in Public Child Welfare</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theresa Costello, Executive Director, ACTION for Child Protection</i> • <i>Kyle Hoover, Investigation/Assessment Social Worker</i> • <i>Shawn Vetere, Social Worker</i> • <i>Matthew Bergeron, Social Worker</i>
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 2:15	<p>Assessing Safety in Law Enforcement and Key Intervention Services</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lt. Lance Burnham, Vermont State Police</i> • <i>Amy Torchia, Children's Advocacy Coordinator, Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</i> • <i>Jacqueline Corbally, Clinical Services Director, Vermont Department of Health (VDH)</i> • <i>Kim Coe, Director of Residential and Community Treatment Programs, Lund</i> • <i>Charlie Biss, Director, Child, Adolescent and Family Unit, Vermont Department of Mental Health</i>
2:15 - 3:00	<p>What Do We Know About Near Fatalities That Could Assist in Preventing Fatalities?</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Joanne Wood, M.D., M.S.H.P., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania</i></p>
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 4:45	<p>Understanding the Current Public Health Infrastructure and How It Would Need to Change to Enhance Prevention of Child Maltreatment Fatalities: Vermont's Perspective</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sally Fogerty, M.Ed., Director, Children's Safety Network</i> • <i>Breena Holmes, M.D., Director of Maternal and Child Health Division, VDH</i> • <i>Beth Tanzman, M.S.W., Assistant Director, Blueprint for Health</i> • <i>Sally Borden, M.Ed., Executive Director of KidSafe Collaborative; Children and Recovering Mothers (CHARM) Team</i>
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Remarks From Chairman Sanders and Commissioners



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30	Closed Meeting: Discussion of Subcommittee Work Plans
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Closed Meeting: Discussion of Subcommittee Work Plans (cont.)
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 3:00	Deliberations